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Early week prices were lower in all areas. As the week progressed prices continued to decline on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to week. Demand was in a full range of light to good. In the East, retail movement improved due to severe winter weather conditions. Supplies were sufficient to available for needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower on nest run and checks and undergrades were lower. Most breakers worked from company owned production and regular commitments with a few breakers in need paying the high side of the current quoted mostly price. Liquid yolk and whole egg were reported as sluggish and whites well sought. Demand for additional heavy nest runs was mostly moderate with offerings usually adequate. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks mixed from in close balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Light type fowl offerings fully adequate with demand light to moderate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	116-118	107-109	75-77
New York	80-84	78-82	60-64
Philadelphia	78-86	77-84	59-69
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	74-78	72-75	57-62
Jackson (1)	81-83	77-79	66-68
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	82-92	80-90	64-75
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	70-74	68-72	53-57
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-73	55-62
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	57-60
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	58-62
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	90-92	87-90	72-74
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	111	106	92
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Nov-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	85.50	83.64	69.44
SOUTHERN	81.98	78.68	67.26
MIDWEST	74.70	73.01	63.27
WESTERN	102.16	97.78	88.36
TWELVE METRO AREAS	88.69	85.83	74.76

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-03-02	11-26-02	12-04-01
Large	51-55	51-55	33-36
Medium	37-41	42-46	14-18

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 02, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.1	18.8	9.0	18.5	11.9 67.3
	Change	0.4	-1.6	-0.6	2.8	0.1 2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.0	49.1	14.2	27.7	31.4 151.4
	Change	5.4	-1.7	3.2	4.1	-0.1 8%
Large	Curr Wk	50.7	105.4	79.3	91.7	121.2 448.3
	Change	1.7	4.6	21.3	11.8	12.2 13%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	49.8	23.0	25.2	32.4 141.9
	Change	-3.3	2.4	3.2	3.5	0.5 5%
Small	Curr Wk	2.7	11.8	5.6	5.3	7.4 32.8
	Change	-2.7	1.7	0.8	0.5	-0.3 0%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	26.2	7.8	17.5	8.0 64.8
	Change	-1.4	-1.6	-0.2	0.7	2.0 -1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.3	42.0	20.6	30.4	40.2 160.5
	Change	3.1	5.3	-0.1	6.5	5.3 14%
Total	Curr Wk	135.6	303.1	159.5	216.3	252.5 1,067.0
Percent	Change	2%	3%	21%	16%	8% 9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,067.0	9%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	273.7	17%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,340.7	11%	213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-Nov-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,052,524	26,506	8,906	4,594	1,876	3,862
PW	1,169,865	28,566	10,218	5,438	2,101	4,234
LY	1,264,440	27,338	13,418	7,156	3,014	4,554
%CHG PW	-10	-7	-13	-16	-11	-9
%CHG LY	-17	-3	-34	-36	-38	-15
2002	57,857,915	1,353,214	552,626	296,677	133,841	205,258
2001	55,658,523	1,265,830	556,878	297,672	122,898	198,575
%CHG YTD	4	7	-1	0	9	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.68	41.42	41.49
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.01	37.80	37.89

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> <u>19 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> <u>in 19 Selected States</u>	
	Nov 23	Nov 30	Nov 23	Nov 30
	Thousand			
AL	*27,664	28,164	*19,786	20,386
AR	*29,624	29,362	*22,968	21,996
DE	3,376	3,600	*4,909	4,810
FL	2,260	2,258	2,348	2,467
GA	29,690	29,919	22,781	24,254
KY	*6,514	6,271	*4,887	5,096
MD	*9,249	9,890	*6,160	6,131
MS	17,771	18,691	13,872	15,265
NC	18,182	17,795	*14,230	14,092
OK	6,407	6,320	3,269	5,144
PA	*3,697	3,489	2,591	2,527
SC	4,415	4,632	3,684	3,870
TX	15,227	14,944	11,624	12,242
VA	6,224	6,211	4,444	5,288
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,419	19,297	*17,463	17,472

19 State Total	*199,719	200,843	*155,016	161,040
Previous Year Total	205,396	211,929	158,581	165,267
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	95	98	97

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 11-Jan-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 145.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 139.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 119.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.85 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 11/28/02-12/04/02

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 62.75		FUTURE LDS 37.50		TOTAL LDS 100.25		LOADS
	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	52.33	59.50	52.83	53.60	48.00	50.00	15.00
GNR W 2	—	55.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	42.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	64.75	64.75	66.90	46.06	—	33.50
GL W LG	—	59.07	50.25	59.40	51.09	62.00	22.75
GL W MD	—	—	46.89	48.06	37.49	45.00	13.00
GL W SM	—	—	29.00	30.50	27.00	30.00	3.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	42.40	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	43.00	35.00	37.00	38.75	41.13	17.25
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	31.50	2.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 30-Nov-2002

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.3	28.0	-6	2
BOSTON	3.6	3.7	-3	-14
CHICAGO	74.4	63.5	17	23
DETROIT	35.6	42.2	-16	58
KANSAS CITY	4.4	3.7	19	7
LOS ANGELES	94.4	93.6	1	-12
NEW ORLEANS	13.4	16.8	-20	22
NEW YORK	31.2	35.2	-11	1
ST. LOUIS	18.9	22.8	-17	0
SAN FRANCISCO	25.9	27.0	-4	16
TOTAL	328.1	336.5	-2	9
4 WK MVG AVG	312.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	946	1,845	16	26		2,833
AVG WT	15.36	37.46	22.32	33.22		29.96
LAST WEEK	2,045	3,336	38	65		5,484
SAME WK YR AGO	2,146	2,670	52	15		4,883
AVG WT	15.51	36.22	25.13	28.96		26.98
TO-DATE/2002	89,134	132,712	2,573	600		225,019
TO-DATE/2001	97,249	132,680	2,188	553		232,670

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-2002

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	THOUSAND	HEAD-	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT		
N EAST	403	-57	25.51	(A)	408	25.51	
SATL	458	-52	30.86	(A)	463	30.86	
N CENT	1,563	-32	31.50	(A)	1,569	31.50	
S CENT	183	-61	26.67	(A)	188	26.67	
WEST	200	-73	27.42	(A)	205	27.42	
U.S. TOTAL	2,807 (B)	-48	29.96	26	2,833	29.96	
TO-DATE							
2002	224,419 (B)				600	225,019	
TO-DATE							
2001	232,117 (B)				553	232,670	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 16,000; for the year 2,573,000; last year to date 2,188,00.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	115,454	1,223	1,010	2,233	312
AVG WT	4.98	3.47	7.79	5.42	6.56
LAST WEEK	149,717	1,663	1,556	3,219	410
SAME WK YR AGO	157,112	1,932	1,419	3,351	644
AVG WT	5.18	3.65	7.92	5.46	6.69
TO-DATE/2002	7,418,921	83,123	67,928	151,051	19,948
TO-DATE/2001	7,363,281	85,190	66,154	151,344	24,233

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 116.9 million head or -28.6 million head less than or 80% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Dec-02

	CURRENT WEEK 12/07/02 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/30/02
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	159,604(2)	118,248
LT HENS	1,856	1,334
HVY HENS	1,526	1,041
TOTAL	162,986	120,623

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Dec-02 is 146.7 million head compared to 158.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.9 million head or 13.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 14-Dec-02 the estimated available is 146.7 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
OCTOBER 26	160.6	157.2	102% 5.22
NOVEMBER 2	157.1	156.2	101% 5.24
9	157.5	155.3	101% 5.13
16	156.0	151.3	103% 5.29
23	151.5	146.2	104% 5.16
30	116.9	145.5	80% 4.98
YEAR TO DATE	7507.9	7562.5	99%
DECEMBER 7		146.7	
14		146.7	

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 11/25/02-11/30/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.88	43	45.61
Los Angeles	67.00	65.00	57	61.78
New York	45.00-48.00	47.30	20	48.16

12-CITY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
2-Dec-02	25-Nov-02	25-Nov-02	3-Dec-01
53.14	-0.22	53.36	57.32

NUMBER OF LOADS 558

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-72	67-69	67.33	240
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-72	67-71	68.10	490
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	60-64	62-63	62.64	110
CENTRAL REGION	60-63	63	63.00	35
WESTERN REGION	59-62	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 12/02/02	2,669	112,050	77,481
AM 11/01/02	2,514	216,327	71,124
CHG	155	-104277	6357
PCT CHG	6%	-48%	9%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of October 31 2002 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on December 1, 2002 are:

FROZEN EGGS	15	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	396	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	860	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of **12/02/02**

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	7-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.21
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.67

LIGHT TYPECents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. **11/29/02**

Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

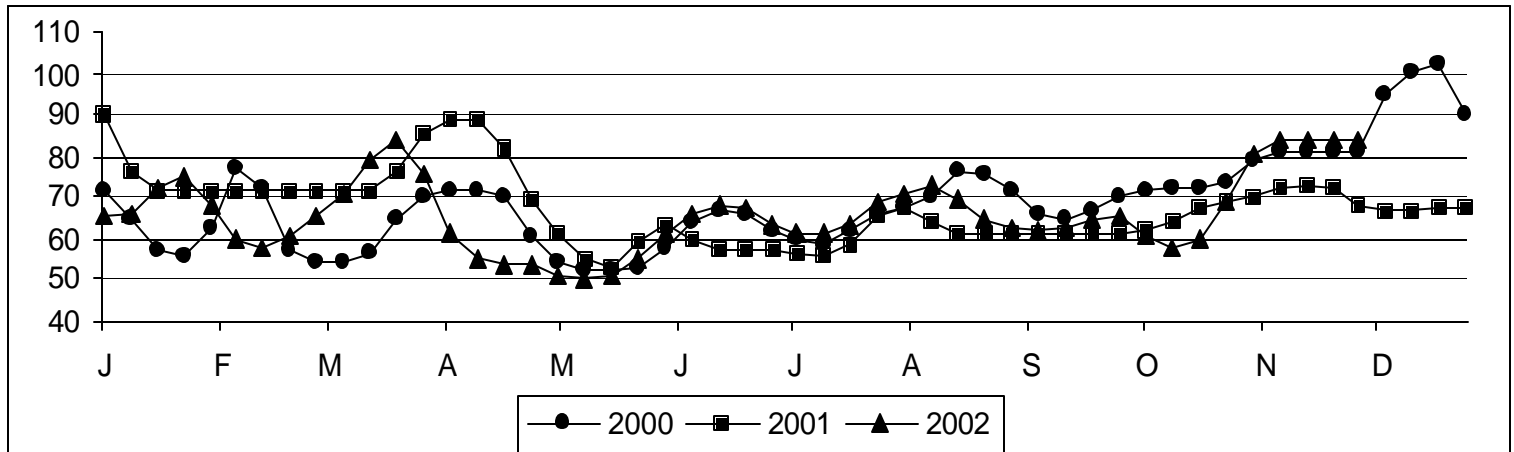
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W/E 30-Nov-02

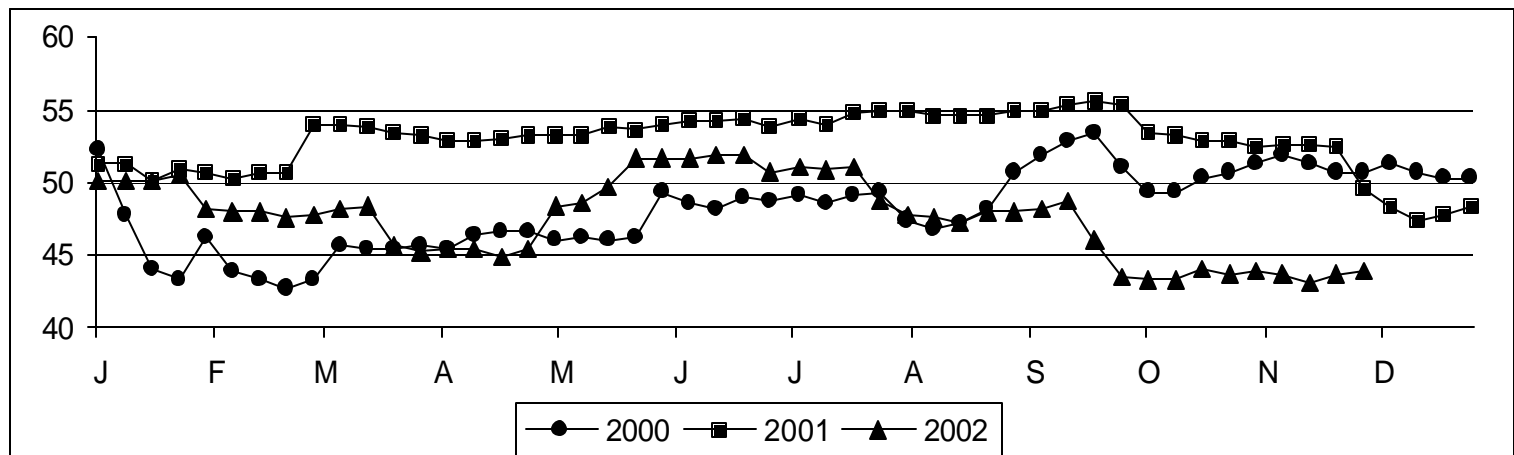
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	245.4	0	7
E.N. CENTRAL	550.3	-10	3
W.N. CENTRAL	278.4	-7	-8
S. ATLANTIC	200.9	-2	1
S. CENTRAL	97.0	-1	14
WEST	190.3	-9	-4
TOTAL	1562.3	-6	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

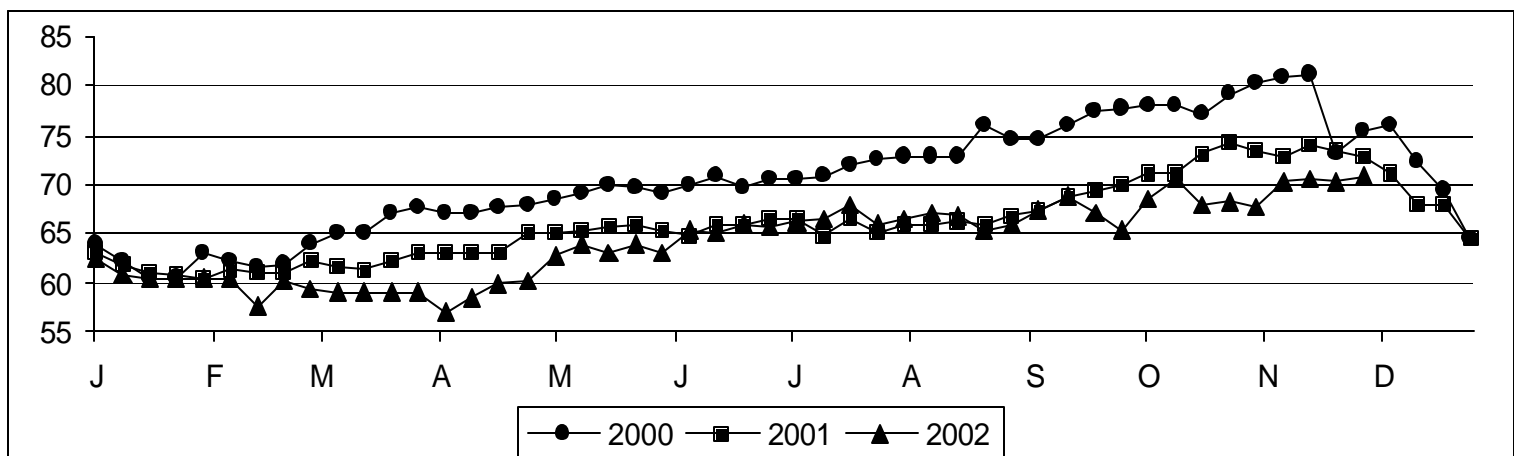
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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